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IN RE APPLICATION OF

EXAMINER: D. Lambkin (parent application)

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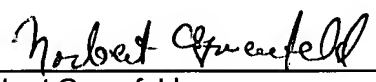
Applicants in the above-identified application hereby claim priority under the International Convention of Great Britain Application No. 9723407.4, filed on November 5, 1997. This application is acknowledged in the Declaration of the instant case.

The certified copy of said application was made of record in Application No. 09/186,223 filed on November 4, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

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